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SUBJECT: SCENERIO FOR SIGNING CEREMONY OF U.S.-JAPAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

REFS: (A) STATE 182969; (B) SECTO 8116

1. REF A CONTAINED SUBSTANCE OF BRIEFING MEMORANDUM PRE-
PARED FOR SECRETARY HERE.

2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED REF B AS CONTAINED IN
ATTACHMENTS TO THAT MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS:

QTE U.S.-JAPAN ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT (SUMMARY)

THIS AGREEMENT AIMS AT STRENGTHENING COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION THROUGH
SPONSORSHIP OF AGREED COOPERATIVE PROJECTS, MEETINGS, AND
VISITS AS WELL AS THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

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COORDINATION AND REVIEW OF THESE ACTIVITIES WILL RESIDE

WITH A JOINT PLANNING AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL AS A RULE ONCE A YEAR.

NINE MAJOR PROJECT AREAS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE INITIAL

ACTIVITIES UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THESE INCLUDE PHOTO-CHEMICAL SMOG, AIR POLLUTION RELATED METEOROLOGY, AUTO-MOBILE POLLUTION CONTROL, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, SEWAGE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS, MANAGEMENT OF BOTTOM SEDIMENTS CONTAINING TOXIC POLLUTANTS, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT, AND IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES. IN ALL THESE AREAS JAPANESE AND AMERICAN CO-CHAIRMEN HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED, AND THEY HAVE INITIATED CORRESPONDENCE TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST AND SET MEETING DATES. WORK HAS ALREADY BEGUN IN SOME PROJECTS AND PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A CONFERENCE IN CINCINNATI IN OCTOBER ON SEWAGE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY, AND ONE IN TOKYO IN LATE NOVEMBER COVERING TWO AREAS, PHOTOCHEMICAL SMOG AND AIR POLLUTION RELATED METEOROLOGY. UNQTE

QTE SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR THE SECRETARY'S USE AT THE SIGNING OF THE U.S.-JAPAN ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT - AUGUST 5, 1975

--IT IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE THAT WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

--JUST AS WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF A MUTUAL DEPENDENCY AMONG ALL LIVING THINGS WITHIN THE BIOSPHERE, WE MUST ALSO RECOGNIZE THE EVER-WIDENING WEB OF INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG THE NATIONS OF OUR GLOBAL SOCIETY.

--THIS INTERDEPENDENCE, WHICH EXTENDS WELL BEYOND THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD, REPRESENTS BOTH A CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY. INDEED, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW UPON THE TALENTS AND CAPABILITIES OF ALL IN MEETING THE GREAT PROBLEMS OF OUR TIMES.

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--TOGETHER, WE HAVE ALREADY ENTERED INTO A NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS WHICH AIM TO INCREASE COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND NOW, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

--THE AGREEMENT WE HAVE SIGNED TODAY WILL ENABLE US TO

UTILIZE THE KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND RESOURCES OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES IN DEVELOPING METHODS OF POLLUTION ABATEMENT AND ACHIEVING IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, THE BENEFITS OF WHICH WILL SERVE NOT ONLY OUR TWO COUNTRIES BUT ALL MANKIND.

--THIS AGREEMENT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS JAPAN AND

THE UNITED STATES REPRESENT TWO OF THE MOST ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL NATIONS IN THE WORLD TODAY. AS SUCH, WE SHARE A SPECIAL APPRECIATION OF THE PARADOX OF PROGRESS.

--WE HAVE ONLY RECENTLY RECOGNIZED THE NATURE OF THIS PARADOX - THAT OUR EFFORTS TO SATISFY THE HUMAN NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLES THROUGH INDUSTRIALIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY HAVE IN FACT THREATENED THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN OUR COUNTRIES.

--WE CAN IGNORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS OF INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS ONLY AT OUR PERIL; THE CONTINUED AND UNCHECKED DEGRADATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT WILL BE ULTIMATELY DESTRUCTIVE TO BOTH OUR SOCIETIES.

--AMONG OUR MANY GUESTS WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS IS ONE WHO HAS PLAYED A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN DEVELOPING A RESPONSE TO THIS DILEMMA. AS THE FORMER HEAD OF THE JAPANESE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY, PRICE MINISTER MIKI WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JAPAN'S POLLUTION ABATEMENT PROGRAMS.

--WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH MR. RUSSELL TRAIN OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, MR. MIKI HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS IN THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIELD.

--OVER THREE CENTURIES AGO, THE JAPANESE WRITER KAIBARA EKKEN (KAI-BAR-AH ECH-KEN) DESCRIBED THE INTERRELATIONSHIP OF MAN AND HIS ENVIRONMENT. AN AVID AMATEUR BOTANIST, HE WROTE:

QTE ALL MEN IN THE WORLD ARE CHILDREN OF NATURE AND NATURE IS THE GREATEST PARENT OF US ALL. MAN SHOULD NOT, EVEN IN IGNORANCE, OPPOSE THE WAY OF NATURE OR COMMIT OUTRAGE AGAINST IT. NOR SHOULD HE WASTE, TO GRATIFY PERSONAL DESIRE, THE BOUNTIES NATURE HAS PROVIDED. UNQTE

--FOR TOO LONG WE HAVE ACTED IN IGNORANCE, COMMITTED OUTRAGES AGAINST OUR ENVIRONMENT AND WASTED ITS BOUNTIES.

WITH THIS AGREEMENT TODAY, WE TAKE A SMALL STEP TOWARDS
THE PATH SET FORTH FOR US BY THIS JAPANESE WRITER SO LONG
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